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Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the thirty-eighth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for appointing Commiſſioners to enquire into the Loſſes of ſuch of His Majeſty's loyal Subjects as had been Sufferers in their Property during the Rebellion in *Ireland*: Preamble: 38G.3. c. 68.

And whereas an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the thirty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for more effectually carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act of the thirty-eighth Year, and alſo for providing a Fund for rewarding Perſons who had rendered Service by Diſcovery of Traitors: 39G.3. c. 65.

And whereas an Act was made in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the fortieth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for amending and continuing the ſaid two laſt recited Acts, and for authorizing the Payment of certain Sums to Perſons who had ſuffered in their Perſons, and to the Widows and Orphans of others who loſt their Lives in the Rebellion, and to Perſons who exerted themſelves in diſcovering the ſaid Rebellion, and were expoſed to Danger, or ſuſtained Injury in conſequence thereof: 40G.3. c. 49.

And

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Claims remain undetermined:

And whereas certain Claims made for Compenſation under the ſaid Acts, to the Number of about one hundred and forty, ſtill remain undetermined by the Commiſſioners appointed under the ſaid Acts reſpectively, in conſequence of the reſpective Claimants having neglected to come before the ſaid Commiſſioners to prove the Truth of their reſpective Caſes, although they have been repeatedly required ſo to do, as well by Advertiſements in the public Papers as by Notices diſtributed and poſted in the uſual Manner throughout *Ireland:*

And Commiſſioners no Power to reject any Claim, nor to terminate their Commiſſion.

And whereas the Commiſſioners appointed under the ſaid Acts, have no Power under the ſaid Acts either to reject any Claim which has been regularly lodged with them, merely on account of the ſubſequent Neglect of the Claimant in the Proof thereof, or to cloſe or terminate their Commiſſion while any Claim that has been duly lodged with them ſhall remain unheard or undetermined; by which Means a conſiderable Expence may be unneceſſarily continued to the Public; 2

Commiſſioners to give Notice of Time appointed for determining all outſtanding Claims.

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Commiſſioners under the ſaid recited Acts, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby required, immediately after or as ſoon thereafter as conveniently may be, by Advertiſement to be times publiſhed in of the *Dublin* Newspapers, and alſo, if they think the ſame neceſſary, by Notices to be publiſhed and diſtributed in like manner as Notices have by the ſaid Commiſſioners heretofore been publiſhed and diſtributed, to fix and appoint a certain Period to be mentioned in ſuch Advertiſements and Notices, ſuch Period not being leſs than from the Day of the third Inſertion of the ſaid Advertiſements, within which Period all Perſons claiming any Benefit, Compenſation, or Reward, under the ſaid recited Acts or any of them, ſhall be required and allowed by the ſaid Commiſſioners to come before the ſaid Commiſſioners, and to prove their reſpective Claims; and that from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Period, no ſuch Claim or Proof ſhall be admitted or received, but all Claims then pending and undetermined ſhall be barred and foreclоſed for ever. 3

Claims not determined before a certain Time, to be foreclоſed;

And be it further Enacted, That all and every Right or Rights, Claim or Claims whatſoever, of or for any Benefit, Compenſation, or Reward, under the ſaid Acts or any of them, which ſhall not have been heard and finally determined by the ſaid Commiſſioners before the ſhall be and the ſame is and are hereby barred and foreclоſed for ever; and that on the ſaid it ſhall and may

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may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners under the ſaid recited Acts, or any Three of them, to reject all and every Claim and Claims not before that Time heard and finally determined; and to declare that all ſuch Claims are barred and foreclоſed for ever, and to cloſe and terminate their Commiſſion accordingly.

and Commiſſion to cloſe.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the ſaid Powers and Authorities given to the ſaid Commiſſioners under and by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or any of them, or under or by virtue of any Commiſſion iſſued by Authority of the ſaid recited Acts or any of them, and all Benefits and Advantages whatever to ſuch Commiſſioners, ſhall ceaſe and determine, and all ſuch Commiſſions ſhall become abſolutely void and of no effect; any thing contained in the ſaid recited Acts or any of them, or in any ſuch Commiſſion, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

After ſuch Time all Powers of Commiſſioners to ceaſe and determine.

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